

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

BROOKE BOGGS,	:	
	:	
Plaintiff(s),	:	
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-0226-C
	:	
A RESTURANT GROUP, LLC,	:	
	:	
Defendant(s).	:	

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULING ORDER

In preparation for the entry of a Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(b) scheduling order, the parties shall comply with the following schedule pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f), and Local Rule 26.1:

A. Meeting of the Parties; Report.

1. The parties, including pro se parties, are ORDERED to meet and file a report pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f) as soon as practicable but not later than **October 17, 2025**.

2. The parties may, if the offices of their principal counsel are not within 100 miles of one another, conduct the meeting by telephone.

3. The report of the parties shall conform to this Court's format, a copy of which is attached to this order. The report is to include Plaintiff's brief narrative statement of the facts and the cause of action stated in each count, and Defendant's brief narrative statement of the facts and defenses, including affirmative defenses, stating the theory of each defense. **In other words, the parties are to fully state their present respective positions in plain English, given what they know about the case at this**

time. This is not to be simply a restatement of the complaint and answer.

B. Rule 26 Disclosures.

1. Required Disclosures.

a. Initial Disclosures. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, a party shall, without awaiting a discovery request, provide the information described in Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1)(A-D) **not later than twenty-one (21) days after the meeting of the parties.**

2. Filing. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, disclosures under Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1), (2) and (3) shall be filed with the Court only when, and to the extent, ordered by the Court or when needed by a party in connection with a motion (or response thereto), or for use at trial.

C. Commencement of Discovery. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court:

1. Formal discovery under Fed.R.Civ.P. 30, 31, 33, 34, and 36 may not be commenced before the meeting of the parties except in the following actions:

(a) Actions in which a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction is sought;

(b) Actions in which discovery is needed to resolve a preliminary motion such as an objection to personal jurisdiction or venue.

ORDERED this 2nd day of September, 2025.

WILLIAM E. CASSADY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

By: /s/Edwina E. Crawford
Deputy Clerk

Local Form for Report of Parties' Planning Meeting

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_____, :
Plaintiff, :
vs. : CIVIL ACTION _____
_____, :
Defendant. :

REPORT OF PARTIES' PLANNING MEETING

Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f), a meeting was held on (date) at (place) and was attended by:

(name) for plaintiff(s)
(name) for defendant(s) (party name)
(name) for defendant(s) (party name)

The parties [request] [do not request] a conference with the court before entry of the scheduling order.

1. Plaintiff's brief narrative statement of the facts and the cause of action stated in each count, and Defendant's brief narrative statement of the facts and defenses, including affirmative defenses, stating the theory of each defense. **In other words, the parties are to fully state their present respective positions in plain English, given what they know about the case at this time.** This is not to be simply a restatement of the complaint and answer.

2. This [jury] [non-jury] action should be ready for trial by (date) and at this time is expected to take approximately (length of time in days excluding jury selection).

3. The parties request a pretrial conference in (month and year).

4. Discovery Plan. The parties jointly propose to the court the following discovery plan: [Use separate paragraphs or subparagraphs as necessary if parties disagree.]

Discovery will be needed on the following subjects: (brief description of subjects on which discovery will be needed).

All discovery commenced in time to be completed by (date). [Discovery on (issue for early discovery) to be completed by (date).]

5. Initial Disclosures. The parties [have exchanged] [will exchange by (date)] the information required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1).

6. The parties request until (date) to join additional parties and amend the pleadings.

7. Reports from retained experts under Rule 26(a)(2) due:
from plaintiff(s) by (date).
from defendant(s) by (date).

8. Pretrial Disclosures. Final lists of witnesses and exhibits under Rule 26(a)(3) due by (date).

9. Discovery Limits.
Maximum of ____ interrogatories by each party to any other party.
Responses due ____ days after service.
Maximum of ____ depositions by plaintiff(s) and ____ by defendant(s). Each deposition limited to maximum of ____ hours unless extended by agreement of parties.
Maximum of ____ requests for admission by each party to any other party.
Responses due ____ days after service.
Maximum of ____ requests for production of documents by each party to any other party. Responses due ____ days after service.

10. All potentially dispositive motions filed by (date).

11. Settlement [is likely] [is unlikely] [cannot be evaluated prior to (date)] [may be enhanced by use of the following alternative dispute resolution procedure: ____].

12. The discovery in this action [will] [will not] include Electronically Stored Information (ESI). In those cases where discovery of ESI is a probability, the parties shall discuss the substantive issues of the existence and location of the ESI, the preservation (including time period) of information, the ease/difficulty and costs of production, a schedule and format for production, and a plan for how to manage privilege and work product protection issues. An ESI production agreement as to how to manage these issues shall be included in the Report. If the parties cannot agree on an ESI production agreement, the disagreements are to be listed in the Report.

13. [Other matters that may be appropriate for inclusion in the Rule 16(b) Order.]

Date: _____

Signature¹_____

Name

Counsel for Plaintiff

Address

Telephone Number

Email

Signature²

Name

Counsel for Defendant

Address

Telephone Number

Email

¹Signatures may be electronically affixed (i.e., s/Judith Attorney) and, with consent so stated after the signature, counsel may electronically sign for other counsel (i.e., s/John Attorney, by consent).